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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/811,227	BLACKHAM ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Kimbinh T. Nguyen	2628	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 May 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 6-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 6-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to amendment filed 05/02/06.
2. Claims 6-11 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 6 -11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sussman et al. (5,686,960) in view of Lyons (6,734,911).

Claim 6, Sussman et al. discloses a method of operating image display apparatus, which method comprises combining electronically in a common pixel format a low resolution image component from a first source, and a high resolution image component from a second source which is different from the first source (the images sensed by the image sensor combined to form a composite image; see abstract; col. 5, lines 48-50); Lyons teaches the common pixel format (a central portion) is the pixel format of a high resolution image which forms the second source (a narrow angle view) and from which the high resolution narrow field of view image component is obtained (col. 3, lines 25-32; col. 8, lines 33-35), and Sussman et al. teaches whereby the high resolution image component is able to be positioned anywhere in a display obtained from the image display apparatus (col. 15, lines 33-46). It would have been obvious to

one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate tracking system that provides high resolution images of Lyons into the method of composite image to form a composite image of Sussman, because it would result in a larger output image with a non-distorted high resolution central region surrounded by a low resolution outer region (col. 7, lines 40-42).

Claim 11, Lyons discloses in which the low resolution wide field of view image component is of a background scene (low resolution), and in which the high resolution narrow field of view image component is of a target (a non-distorted high resolution central regions; col. 7, lines 40-45). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate tracking system that provides high resolution images of Lyons into the method of composite image to form a composite image of Sussman, because it would result in a larger output image with a non-distorted high resolution central region surrounded by a low resolution outer region (col. 7, lines 40-42).

Claims 7-10, Sussman et al. disclose the low resolution image is resampled, is interpolated to increase the pixel count to that of the highest resolution imagery; however, this is disclosed in Sussman et al (col. 18, lines 10-25); the composite imagery is stored in a frame buffer (col. 31, lines 44-49); the frame buffer is segmented to drive a matrix of display devices (col. 39, line 38 through col. 40, line 16).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimbinh T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7644. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi can be reached at (571) 272-7664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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